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Attachments:

1. One-page report, with sketch, on port facilities and tanker construction at Kherson. 25X1
2. Seven-page report on Kherson, consisting of four photographs and three photographic panoramas of the port. 25X1
Quality of photographs is poor to fair.
3. Two pages of information and a sketch of the port of Kherson; this report contains information on ship construction, port facilities, a radar station on Nikolayev Island, and mention of an airfield near Kherson. 25X1
4. Two pages of information on ships sighted at Kherson and the Kherson shipyard; this report contains information on the sighting of a vessel resembling the cruiser KERCH and sighting of Soviet fishing boats equipped with radar of the HIGH SIEVE type, reportedly bound for Vladivostok. A sketch of the latter vessel is provided. 25X1
5. Two-page report, with sketch, on port facilities at Kherson; existence of an airfield near Kherson is mentioned. 25X1
6. Thirteen-page report, consisting primarily of annotated photographs of the port of Kherson and Zmeinyy Island; this report states that radar stations have been built on concrete foundations in the sea near the entrance to the channel leading to the port of Nikolayev. 25X1

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7. Three pages of information on port facilities at Kherson and installations at Fort Nikolayev, with a sketch of Kherson and Nikolayev Island;

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8. Two-page report on port facilities at Kherson and a radar station on Nikolayev Island.

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9. Two-page report on construction work in the port of Kherson and a radar station on Nikolayev Island.

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10. Two pages of information which duplicates in large part Attachment No. 4 above;

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11. Two pages of information on port facilities at Kherson, including a sketch of the port.

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12. Two-page report on port facilities at Kherson, with a sketch of the port.

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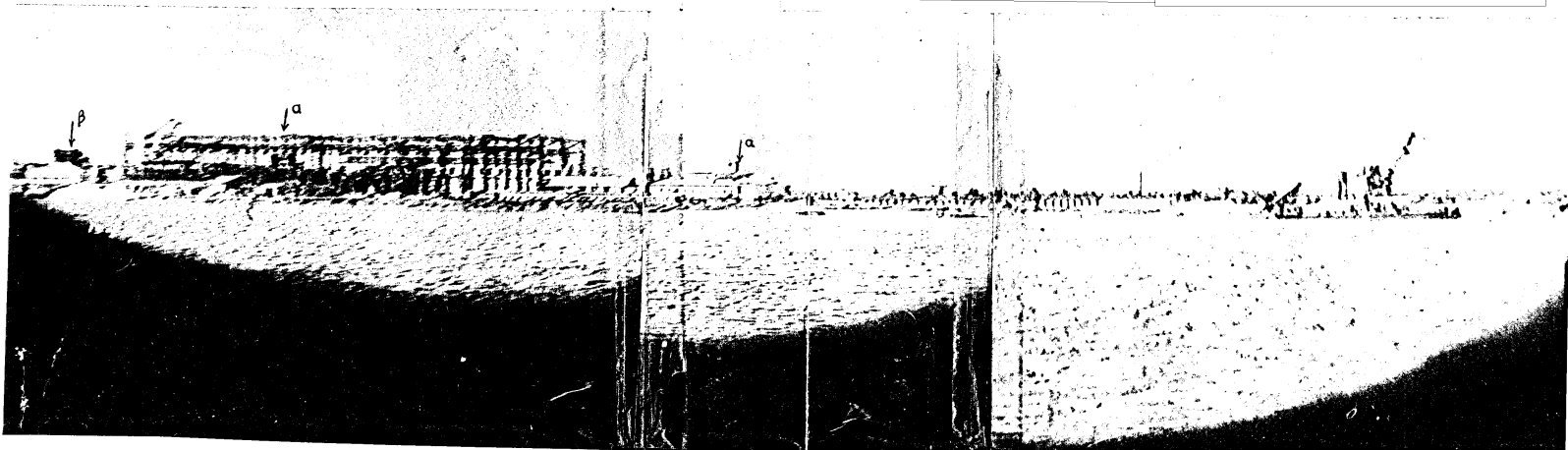
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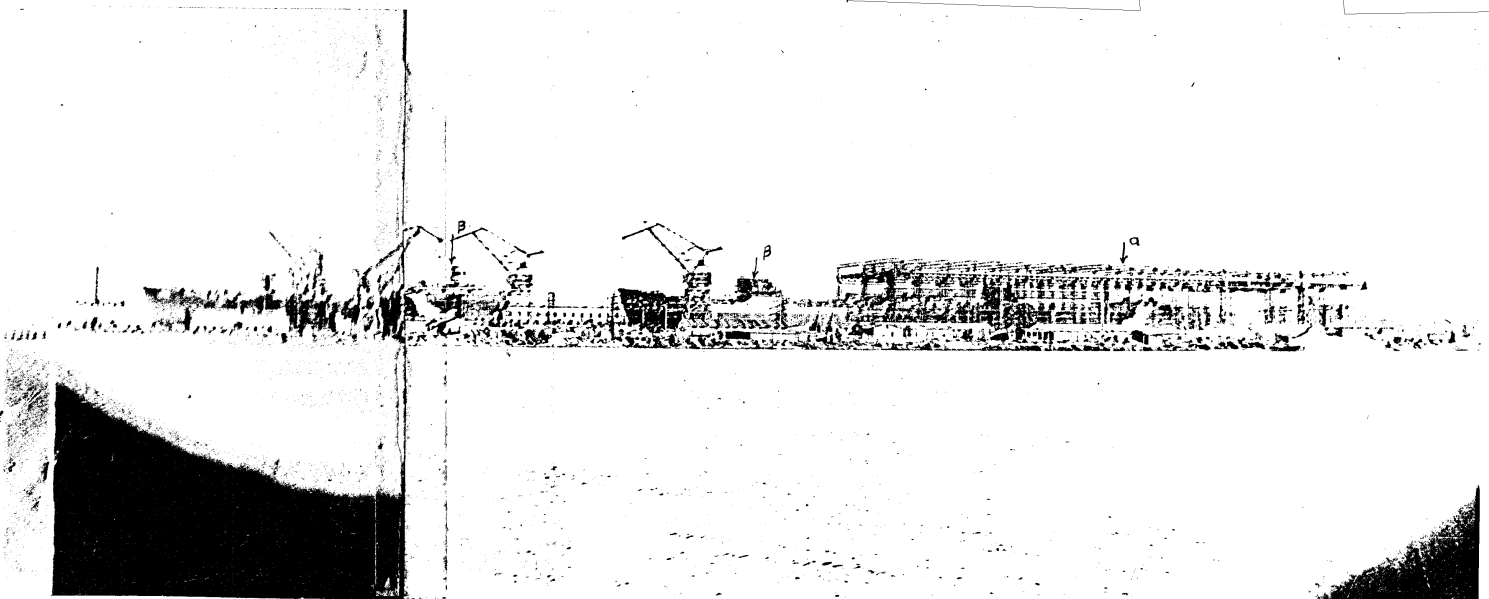
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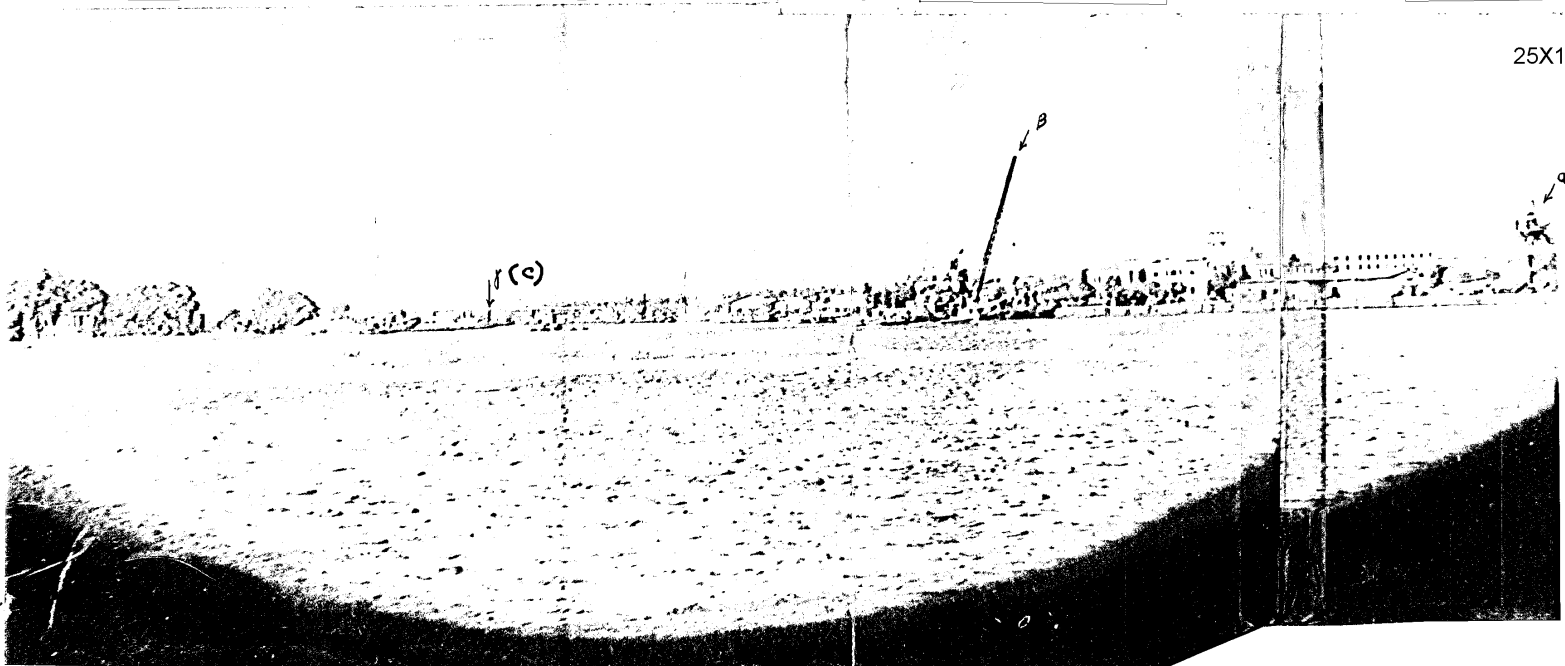
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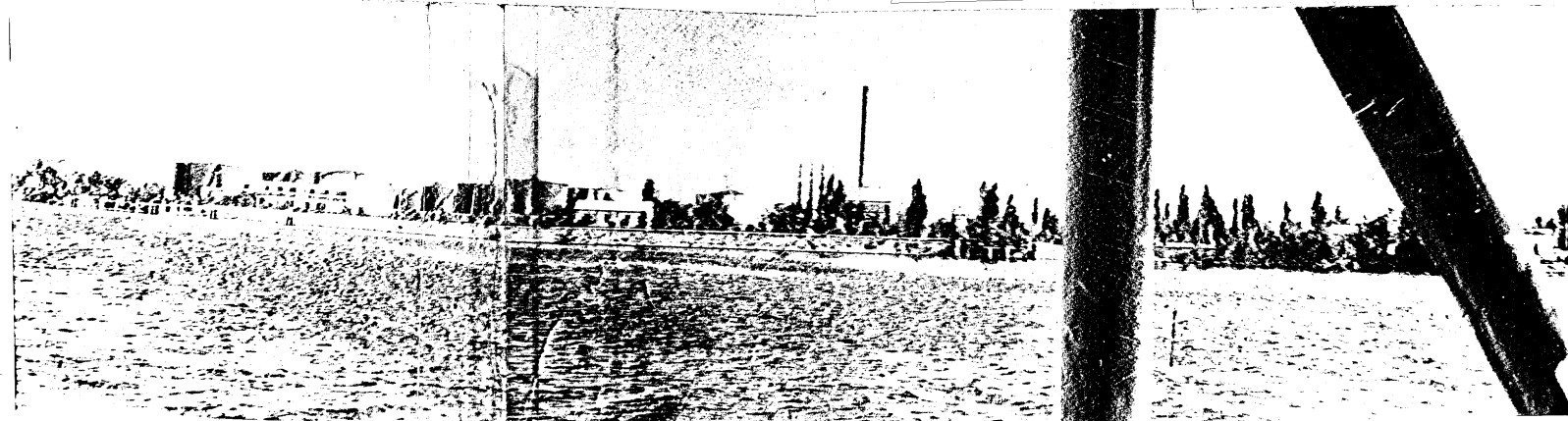
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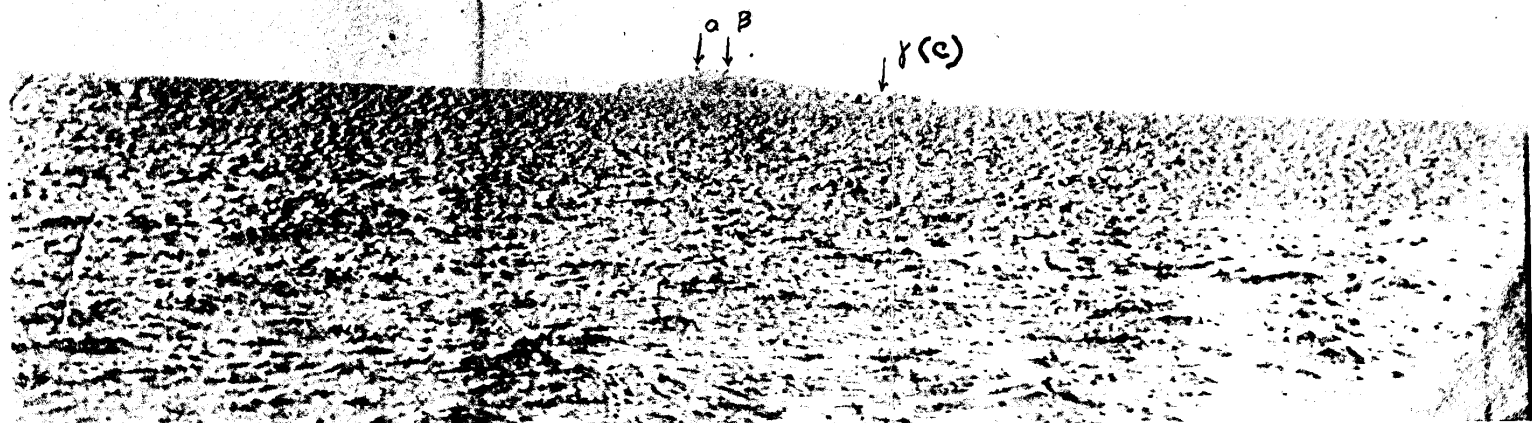


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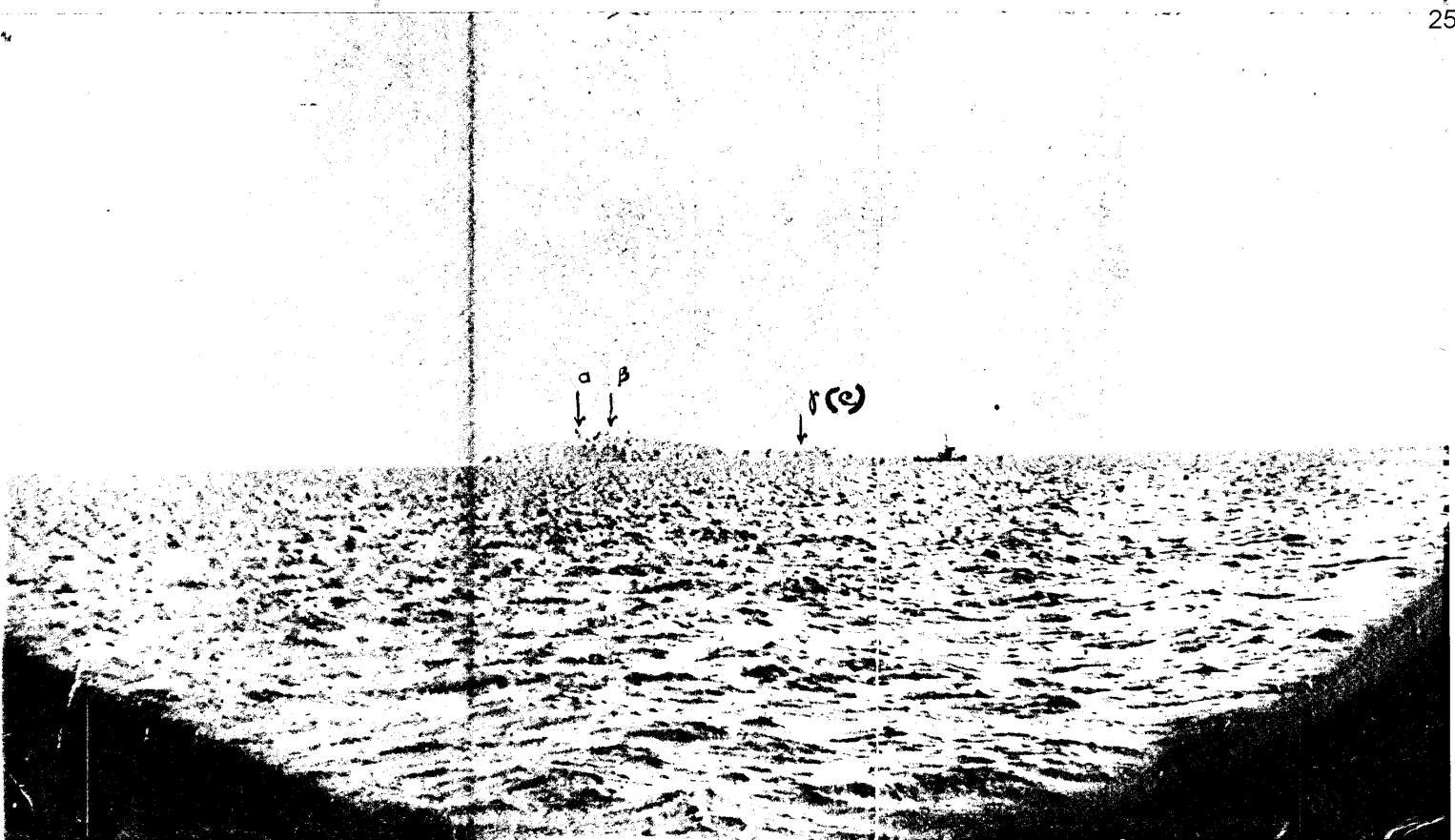


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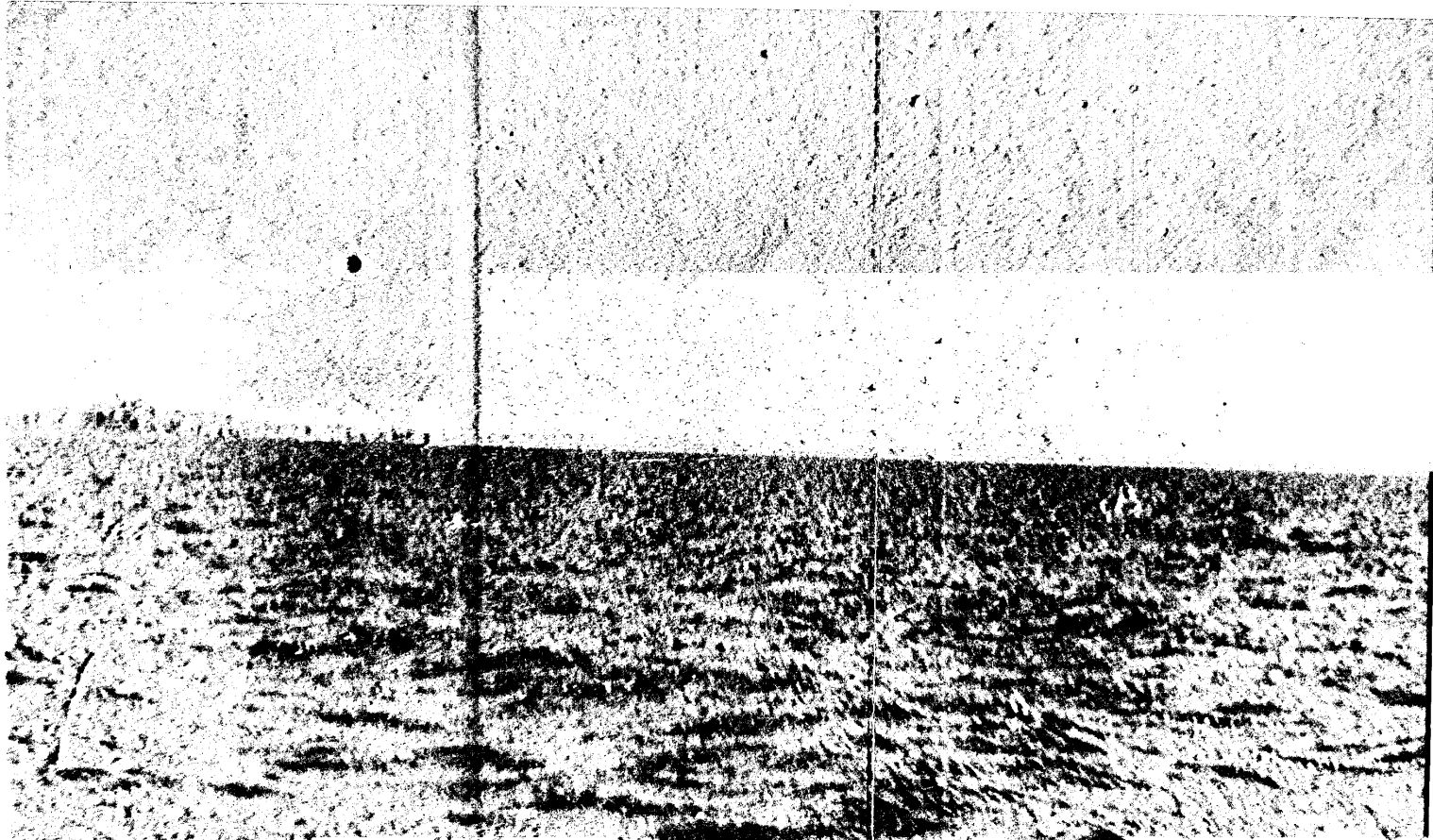
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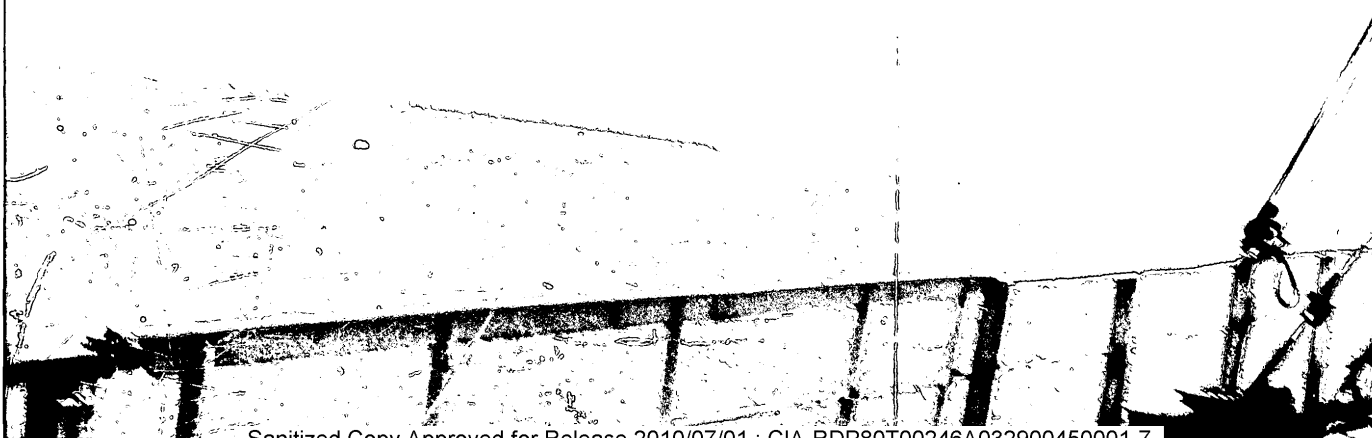
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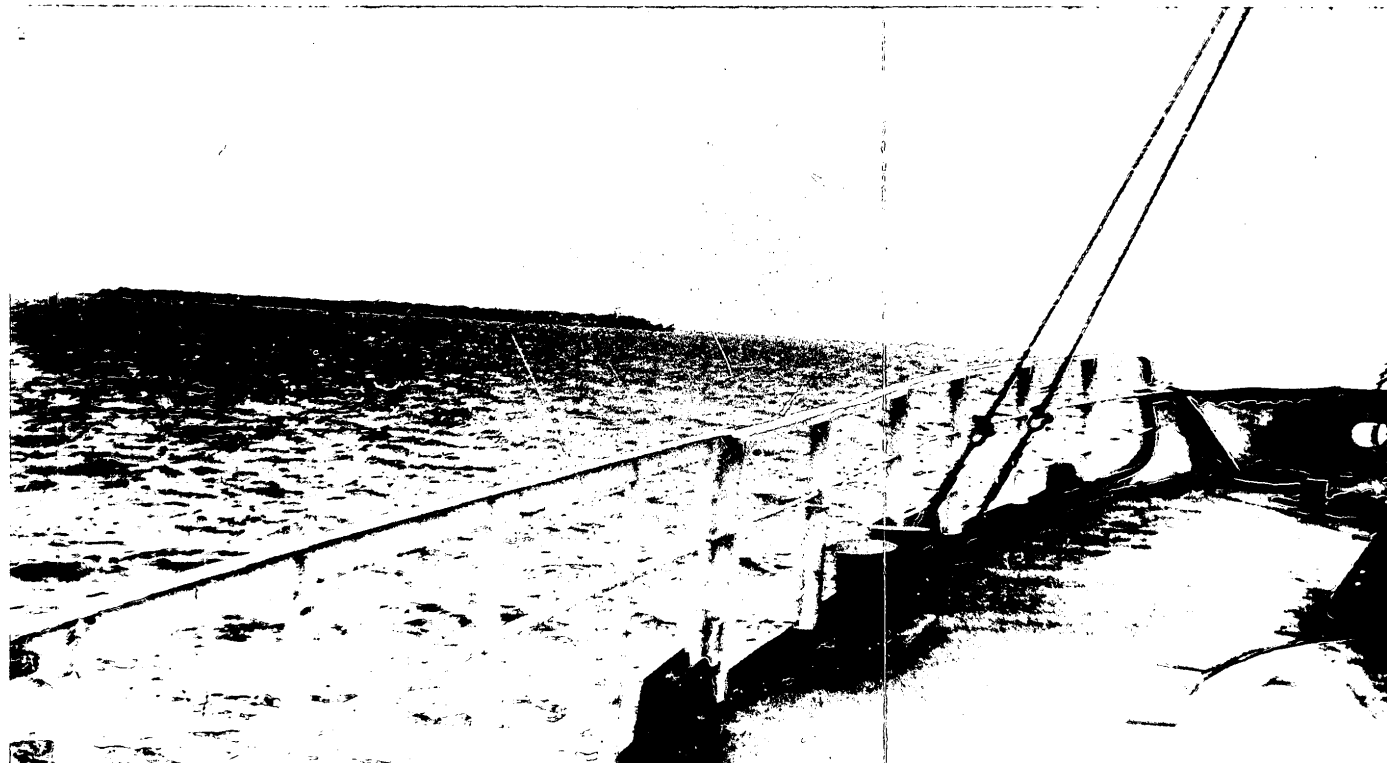


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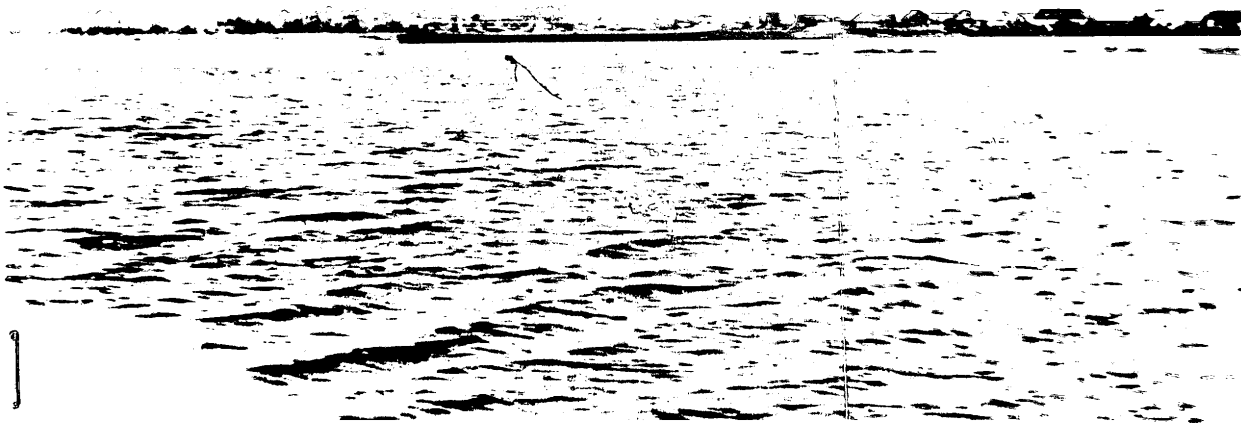
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RADAR ON CEMENT SUPPORTS PROBABLY NEAR KHERSON.

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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT. To No. 2 series of photographs of Port KHERSON

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On Page IX. RADAR ON THE SEA, ON A CEMENT BASIS ON WHICH IRON SHORES
ARE SUPPORTED, the following explanation be added:

One such Radar was seen toward ALZ = 320° from the light of
the Island NIKOLAEV (PERVOMAZISKAYA), and at a distance of about a mile.
A second similar RADAR was seen at a distance of about 14 miles from
the Island NIKOLAEV, computed on the existing channel (gatt), i.e.
around the turn northward at the entrance of River BUG for Port NIKOLAEV.

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COUNTRY : Soviet Union

SUBJECT : I. Shipyards at Port KHERSON

II. Battleships sighted in Port KHERSON

III. Recently built Soviet fishing boats, sighted in Port TZIBOUTI

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I. SHIPYARDS AT PORT KHERSON

The shipyards of the port have two slipways and build only 7.000-ton tankers which are equipped with Diesel engines.

[redacted] the shipyards have been ordered to launch one tanker every 3 months.-

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II. BATTLESHIPS SIGHTED IN PORT KHERSON

a) A three-mast training vessel of the Navy, left the port bound for Odessa. Many sailors were sighted on it.-

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b) [redacted]
[redacted] a cruiser, rather of the STALINGRAD (EX.DUCA D'AOSTA) type, [redacted] was coming from Nikolaev. Later on, the same cruiser was sighted anchored outside of Port Odessa.-

III. RECENTLY BUILT SOVIET FISHING BOATS, SIGHTED IN PORT TZIBOUTI

Two Soviet fishing boats of approx. 700 tons in capacity, were sighted in Port TZIBOUTI, [redacted]

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These were equipped with a radar and a radio direction finder.

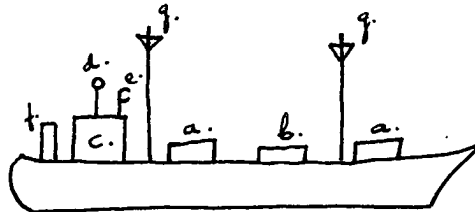
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these came from KHERSON where they had been built, and were bound for VLADIVOSTOK.

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Both were equipped with Diesel engines and had wooden decks made of narrow peach pine boards. One of them bore amidships a 3.5 X 3.5 meter water tank, that stood out of the deck. These fishing boats were about 50 - 55 meters long and about 9 - 10 meters wide. The radar antenna resembled the HIGH SIEVE type.

See sketch of these herebelow:



- a) Holds (two)
- b) Water tank
- c) Bridge
- d) Radio direction finder
- e) Radar
- f) Funnel
- g) Masts

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COUNTRY: Soviet Union.-

SUBJECT: K h e r s o n .-

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I. ORGANIZATION (See Attached Drawing)

1. Three electric cranes of approx. five tons in hoisting power. These move on iron tracks.-

1a. A crane being assembled near the electric power plant.-

2. A railroad track.-

2a. Three railroad tracks being on the outside of the stone-wall (2b) that surrounds this area of the harbor.-

3. Two warehouses. Each was about one hundred and twenty meters long and about four meters tall.-

4. A shipyard with three sliding boards. A 10-12,000 tons tanker was launched from this shipyard [redacted] Two

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ships similar to the above tanker, were under construction on two of the sliding boards (a-b).-

5. Eighteen fuel tanks. In addition to these tanks, another, brand new tank was sighted (point c) painted in minium.-

II. MEANS OF NAVIGATION

The following means of navigation were sighted in the harbor:

Six (6) floating cranes, two of which were near the bridge (point 7),

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while the other four were along the mole for loading and unloading. These cranes were equipped with a propulsion engine and a hoisting engine. Coal was used to move both these engines.-

Two floating concrete dry-docks, being at position No.8.-

III. A RADAR

A Radar was sighted on the eastern cape of NIKOLAYEV Island. This was installed on the top of a square netted pole. The antenna was round, about 40 cm tall, concrete, painted grey, and its diameter was not larger than the side of the pole.-

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IV. AIRPORT

There is an airport at position 9 of attached drawing.

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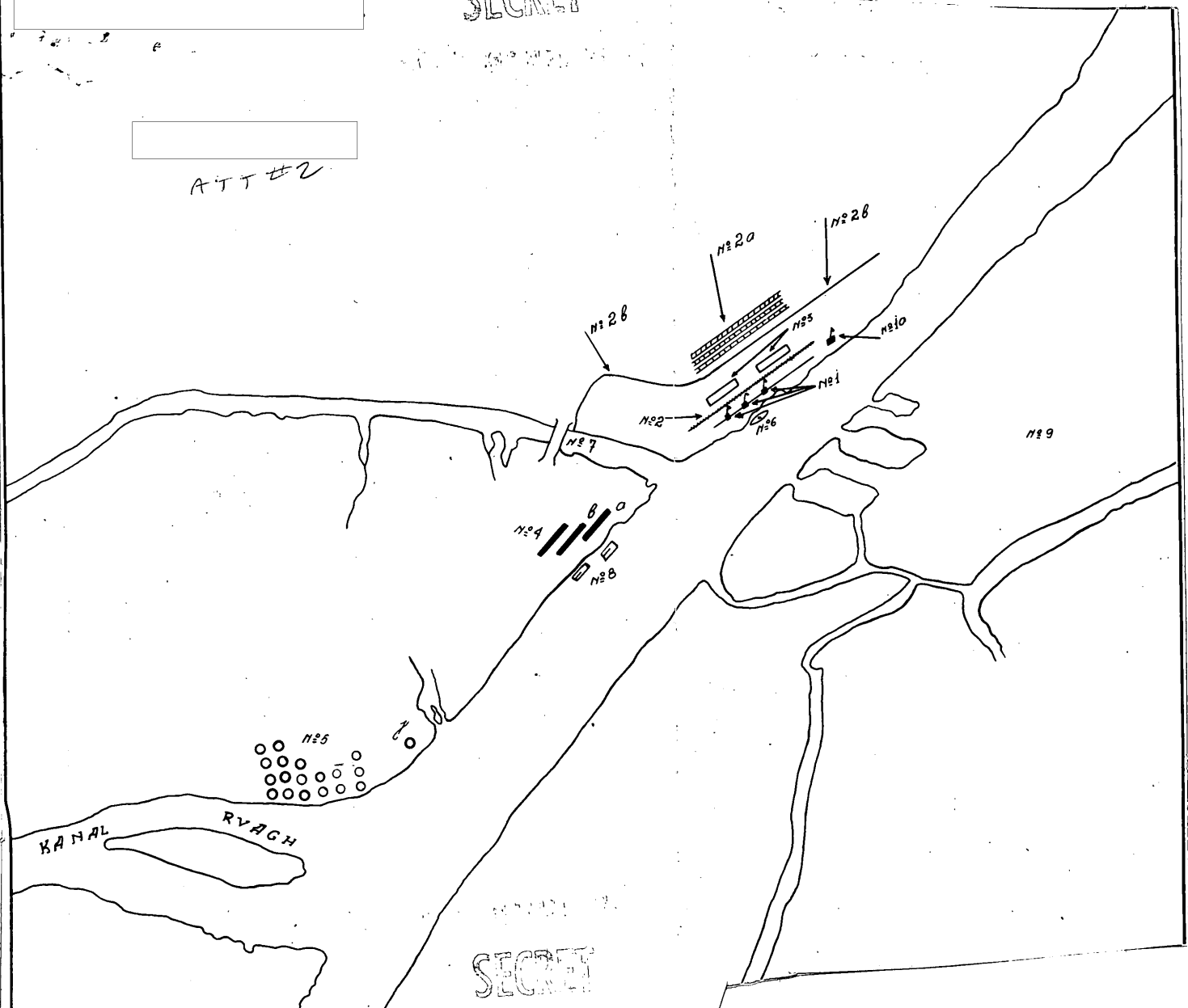
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of the area used for sea bathing.-

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PLACE: Port of Kherson, Russia
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I- ORGANIZATION of the PORT: (See attached diagram.)

a) Wharfs-Piers-Quays

A- Wharf for loading and unloading of merchandise, ^{of pier} whose reconstruction has been extended up to the first storehouse, (point a). No work was observed

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B- Site near the club's swimming pool where the construction of a pier was observed.

Δ - Another area where the construction of a pier was observed.

b) CRANES

Two other cranes were placed in area A. There are nine cranes in all in that area now. Out of the nine cranes, three of them are new. each of them has a hoisting power of about 15 tons.

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II- Within the area where the cranes are at location A, about 100 trucks having double back wheels were observed ready for loading.

(b-γ) Little whose entrance has an opening of about 400 meters and whose length is 700 meters.

III- FLOATS

Two floating cranes. One of them operates by means of steam and the other by means of electricity coming from the city.

Floating tank observed at point δ

IV- SHIPYARDS and SHOPS

Γ- Site where 3 new and permanent tanks were observed. One of them is under construction

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E- Site where the construction of a new, small shipyard was observed where they will probably construct floating tanks.

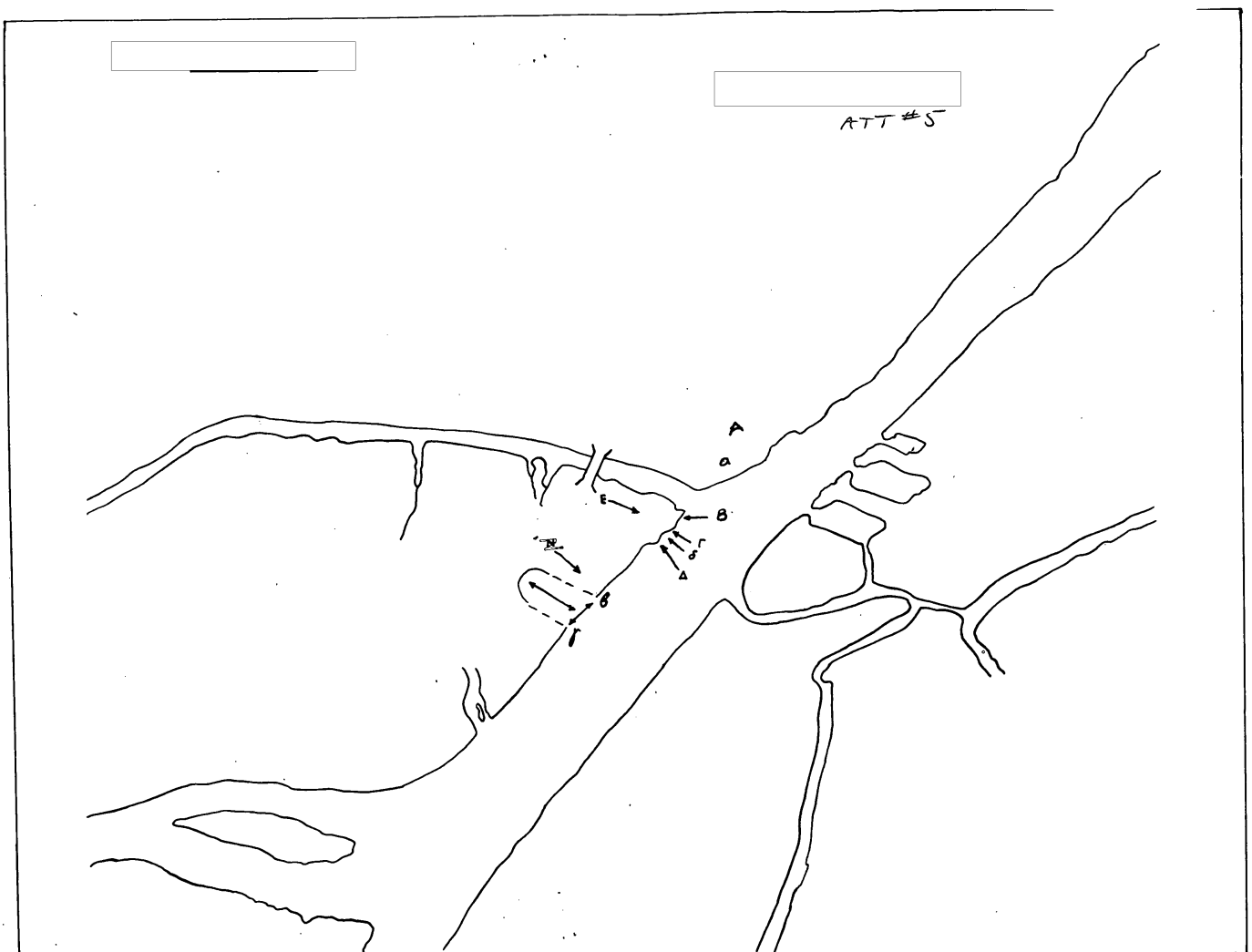
Z- Shipyard area where the construction of two tankers was observed.

V- AIRFIELDS

There is an airfield about one kilometer away from Lenin Park in the city. No activity was observed.

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I. ORGANIZATION.

The paving with concrete of the pier used for loading and unloading,

[redacted] has not as yet been finished. 25X1

Only part of the mole, viz. from the SILO area up to the first warehouse inclusive (points a - b) is done. [redacted] the surface of the 25X1
finished part of the pier, is being covered by flat concrete blocks having rings at the four corners. These rings are to help remove the blocks, in order to have electric cables installed under them, in the small tunnel built there during the reconstruction of the mole. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] there are 6 cranes of approx. 5 tons in hoisting 25X1
power, on this pier. These cranes are installed on iron rails and can travel from point c to point d.-

[redacted] observed two ships being on the sliding boards 25X1
of the shipyards. These were ready to be launched into the sea.-

II. MEANS OF NAVIGATION.

Three floating, towed cranes were observed [redacted] in this harbor. 25X1

Two of these cranes were steam-driven, while the other one operated on

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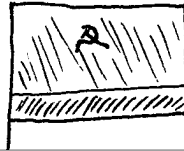
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[redacted] ATT 7

electricity supplied by cables that came from the pier.-

[redacted] observed a floating, concrete dry-dock being in the ship-yards' area. [redacted] noticed various tug-boats, as well as small passenger river-boats. The latter were flying a flag, the upper 3/4 of which were red with a hammer and sickle in the middle, while the lower 1/4 was light blue.

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IV. BATTLESHIPS.

A Soviet war vessel [redacted] was observed outside of the port of [redacted]

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was ELLI's sister ship,

the above island. The following

a.- A light-house.

b.- A radar

c.- A sentry post of the light-house.

d.- An out of order light-house.

e.- Two sentry posts.

f.- A small, built breakwater.

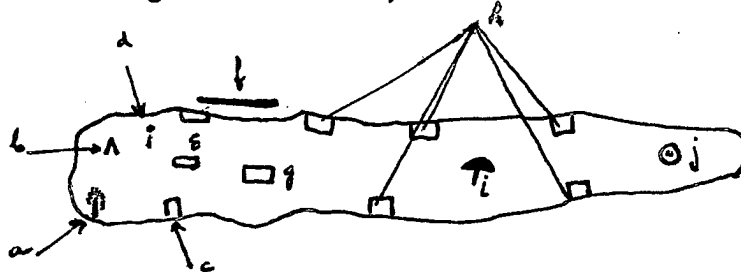
g.- A meteorology station (a wind indicator, a baloon).

h.- Five concrete warehouses. These were low buildings, standing at two meters' height from the ground.

i.- A radar - not operating - the pole of which was $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 meters in height.

j.- A round pill-box. Its height, as well as its diameter, is about 4 meters. This has a loophole in the direction of the light-house.-

See handrawing of the island, below:



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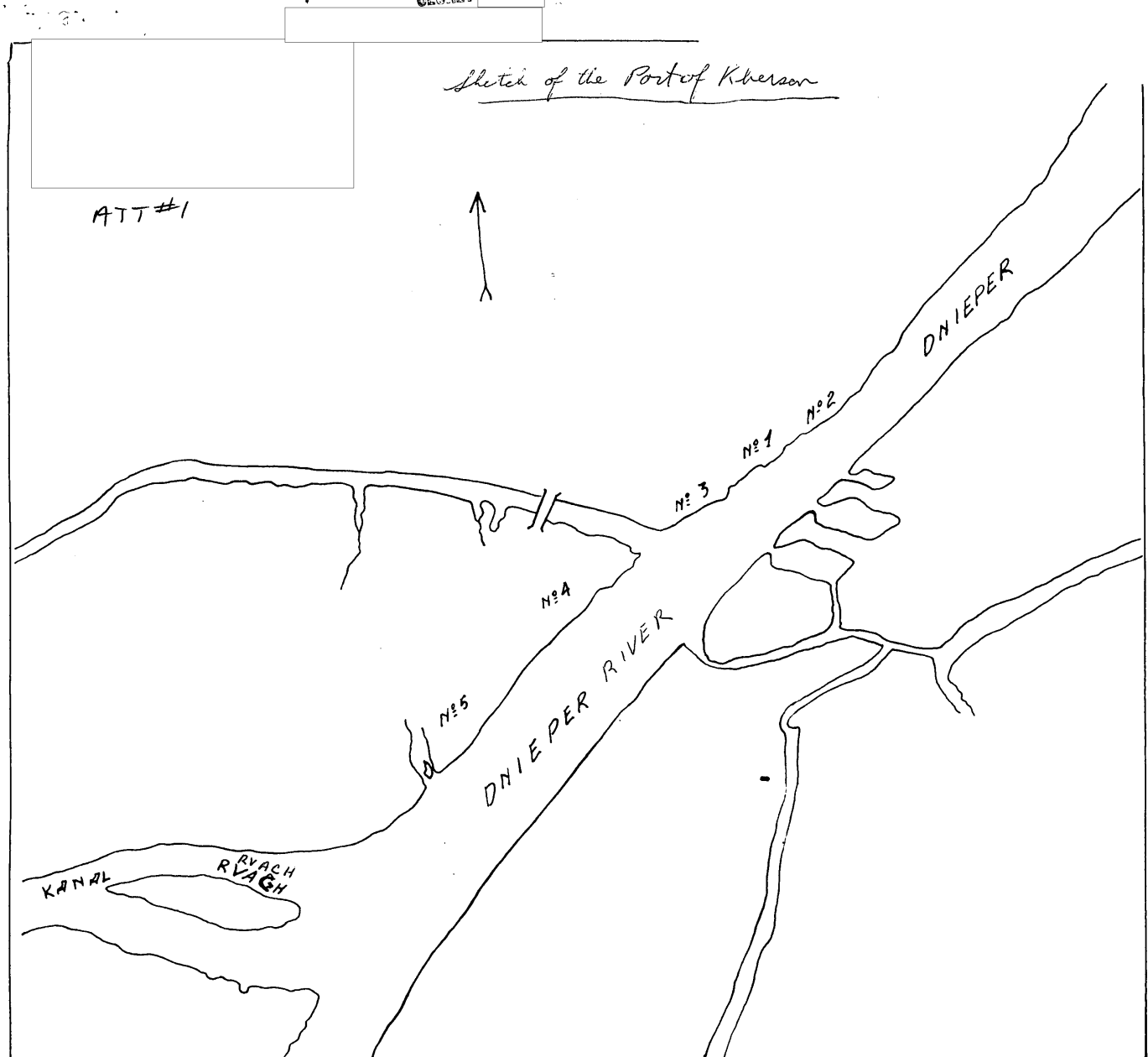
I- ORGANIZATION (See attached diagram.)

- 1- Quay which is being repaired. The outside is almost ready to have cement blocks placed there. They are making an embankment on the inside.
- 2- Area where the metal ores are unloaded. There were 4 cranes observed there. Two of the four cranes are new and are being assembled.
- 3- Two 12-ton cranes located here. General commercial merchandise is unloaded here.
- 4- Shipyard having two sliding boards. A tanker was observed on one of the sliding boards. The tanker was about 10 000 tons. At the quay before the shipyard, another tanker was observed which appeared to be newly built.
- 5- Area where 18 oil tankers were observed. Their color was aluminum.

II- FLOATS

Two floating cranes were observed in port. They were on iron vessels and were being tugged. The cranes had a DIESEL engine in order to do the lifting.

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(Diagram attached.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

I. ORGANIZATION

A. Wharf for loading and unloading merchandise. The quay's renovation has been completed up to the first warehouse (point a). [redacted] observed no work being done on the quay [redacted]

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[redacted] two other cranes have been installed at above mentioned area. There are now nine cranes in all. Three of them are new and [redacted] of about 15 tons each. Inside the area where the cranes are, there were about 100 trucks ready to be loaded. The trucks had double back wheels.

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B. The construction of a new quay was observed at this location near the swimming club of the port.

┌ Location where [redacted] 3 new and permanent tanks. The third was further back than the two new constructed tanks, and it was under construction.

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Δ Site where a quay was under construction.

E. Site where a new, small shipyard was under construction. Floating tanks will probably be ^{kept} there.

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Z - Shipyard area where 2 tanks were under construction.

A small gulf was observed in the above-mentioned area which has a distance of about 400 meters from the entrance of the shipyards to the bank on the opposite side (point b-j). The length is about 700 meters.

II. FLOATS

Two floating cranes were observed at above-mentioned port. They were ^{towed} ~~tugged~~. One of them worked by steam and the other by means of an electric current coming from the city. A floating tank was observed at point ~~g~~.

III. AIRFIELDS

There is an airfield located about one kilometer from LENIN PARK in the city of above-mentioned port. No activity was observed there.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing was observed of the Island of NIKOLAEV and channel due to the fog.

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(Diagram of port is attached.)

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is located

where the port of KHERSON

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45-50 miles away

from the mouth of the river there are piers for docking ships on the left side of river's bank which take up about $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 miles.

[REDACTED]

Position number 2 shows

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where there are building installations which possibly house the port services and the various agency offices.

There were pipe installations for the loading of grain

[REDACTED]

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There is 24 hour work going on at the port and the working crews change every 8 hours.

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No port installations were observed. There were appropriate positions for loading at intervals. No cranes were observed.

The right bank did not have appropriate places for docking ships.

Position number 3 is the location designated for passenger ships for local communication. One passenger ship was observed there.

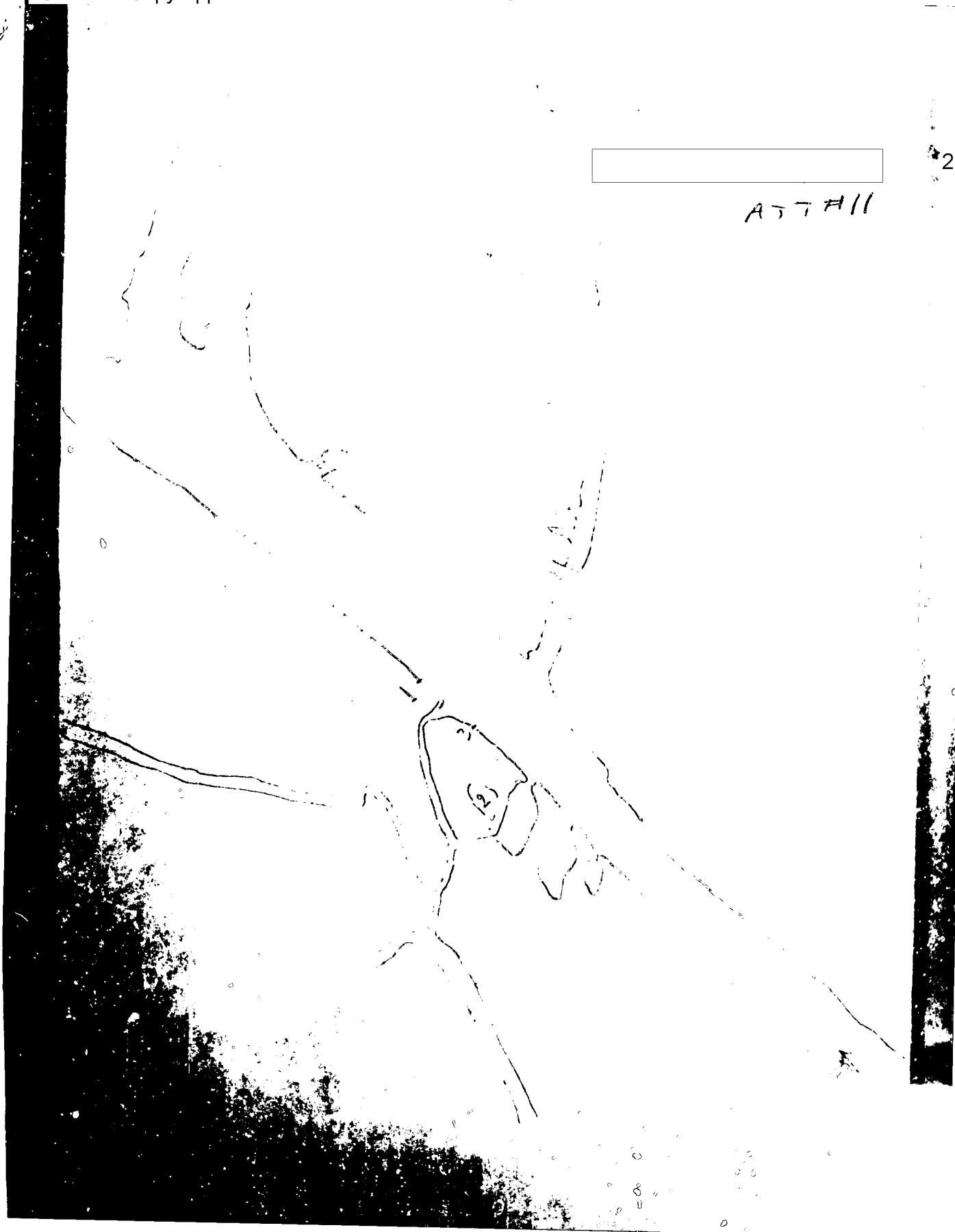
The port mainly exports grain and lumber. The grain is transferred to the special installations on land by means of barges. Loading on ships is performed by pipe installations.

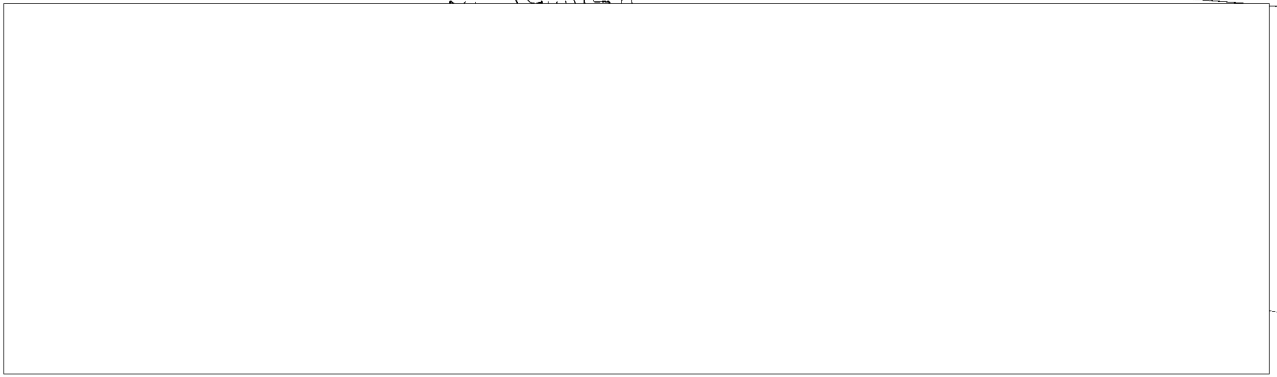
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I. ORGANIZATION

The shipyards of the harbor in question have two sliding boards. These,

[redacted] build only tankers of 7,000
tons in capacity. [redacted] the shipyards are
expected to launch one tanker every three months.

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[redacted]
The tankers built there are equipped with Diesel engines.

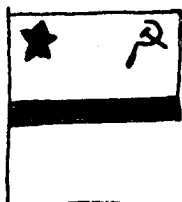
II. WAR VESSELS

[redacted] a three-mast vessel was there in the harbor for
[redacted]
this is used by the Navy as a training vessel. This set sail for *Odessa* [redacted]

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The training ship in question bore the flag of the Navy, a sketch of
which we give herebelow. Many sailors were sighted on it.

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III. GENERAL INFORMATION

Two Soviet fishing boats of approx. 700 tons in capacity each, were seen [redacted] in the harbor of TSIBOUTI [redacted]. These were equipped with radars and radio direction finders.

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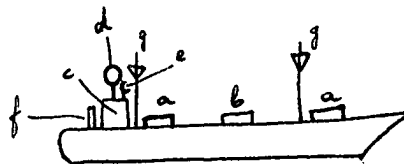
[redacted] these had come from ^{Kherson} [redacted] where they had been built, [redacted]

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These were equipped with Diesel engines and had wooden decks made of narrow 'peach pine' boards. One of the two had a water tank amidships, that stood out of the deck like the covers of the holds. This was 3.5 X 3.5 m. The fishing boats in question were about 50-55 meters long and about 9-10 meters wide. Their radar resembled the High Sieve type (sec relative ?

A sketch of these is given herebelow:

- a) Holds (two)
- b) Water tank
- c) Bridge
- d) Radio direction finder
- e) Radar
- f) Funnel
- g) Masts (two)



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[REDACTED]
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SUBJECT: Kherson [REDACTED]

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GENERAL INFORMATION

I. ORGANIZATION.

[REDACTED] observed a total of seven cranes, two of which were brand new, 25X1
situated along the length of the dock used for loading and unloading. I.

[REDACTED] saw a group of 25X1
laborers engaged in paving the dock with cement. Work has begun at the SIK
area and has reached the first warehouse.

[REDACTED] observed a space of 0.30 meters wide and 1 meter high being left 25X1
under the pavement, evidently for cables to go through.-

[REDACTED] observed two tankers being under construction in the shipyard area. 25X1

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Herebelow, is a drawing of the poles seen

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with the antenna (aerial) on top.

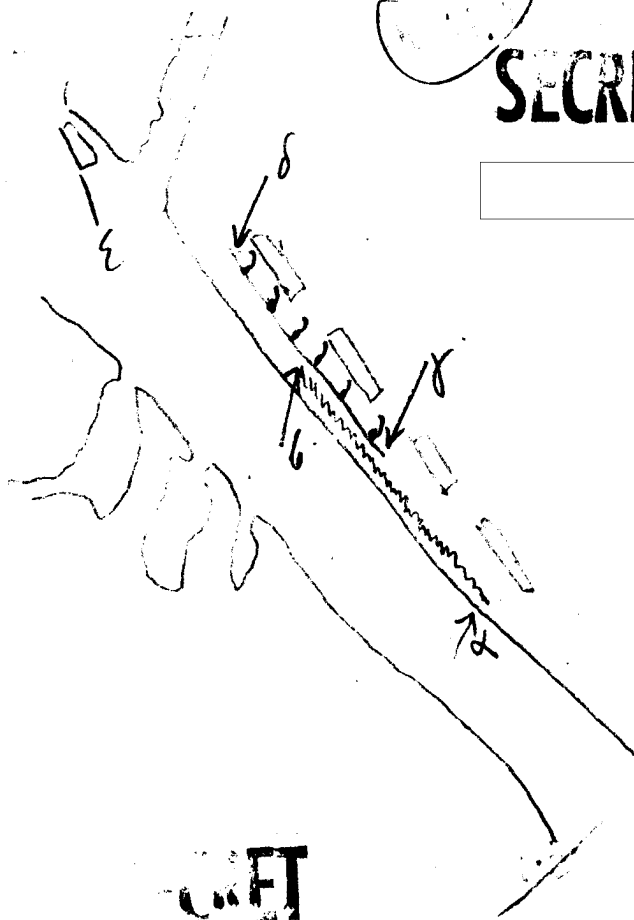


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[REDACTED]
INFORMATION BULLETIN [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: *K*nereson

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[REDACTED] 25X1

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GENERAL INFORMATION

I. ORGANIZATION.

A.- On the end of the mole of this area, where ships dock to load and unload, [REDACTED] a group of laborers engaged in paving the mole with cement. 25X1
Work, that has began at the SILO area, has already reached the angle used by small ships making local trips (point a).-

B.- Area of shipyards, where an approx. 6,000-ton tanker was seen being built on sliding board b. The timbers of another smaller ship being built were seen on sliding board c. No vessel was there seen on sliding board c.-

C.- In this position and in the little gulf (point C') formed there - about 700 meters long and 250 meters wide [REDACTED] a bridge about 25X1
20-30 meters long, which must be rather a lockgate similar to those of the Piraeus dry-docks. In the back of the little gulf and towards the side of the bridge, [REDACTED] an approx. 6,000-ton, brand new tanker, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] had been launched from the shipyards. A dredger with buckets 25X1
was seen working at point f. towards the side across from the bridge.-

II. ANCHORED SHIPS.

[REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] 25X1

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III. MEANS OF NAVIGATION.

D.- Position where an empty concrete dry-dock of approx 3.000 tons hoisting power, was seen.

IV. THE NICOLAEV ISLAND.

[redacted] observed on the North-East end of this island, a large, revolving antenna (aerial) of a Radar, situated on the upper part of two tall iron poles [redacted]

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[redacted] a drawing of the iron poles and the antenna (aerial).-

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[redacted] observed five to six large iron pieces of 3-4 meters in length, placed at intervals along the coast of the above island. These resembled the rear of a truck and were inclined towards the sea. [redacted]

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